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Applicants	: Kenji OOKURA	Group Art Unit: 2833
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For	: CONNECTOR AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME	

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2007, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on March 4, 2008, the period for reply being extended to expire on April 4, 2008 by the accompanying one-month request for extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks. If any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.